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SUBJECT: POINTS PRESIDENT SADAT PLANS TO
RAISE AT SALZBURG SUMMIT

1. DURING MEETINGS WITH SENATOR BAKER AND
CONGRESSMAN RIEGLE, PRESIDENT SADAT MENTIONED
FOLLOWING POINTS WHICH HE SAID HE PLANNED TO
TAKE UP WITH PRESIDENT FORD AT SALZBURG:

A. SADAT IMPLIED HE WOULD FIRST WISH TO
EXAMINE WHETHER US SAW POSSIBILITY OF REACHING
CONCRETE ARRANGEMENT WITHIN STEP-BY-STEP
PROCESS IN NEGOTIATIONS LED BY US.

B. HIS SECOND POINT WOULD BE TO ASK, "AM I
YOUR FIREND OR NOT?" IF ANSWER IS YES, THEN
SADAT SAID HE WOULD ASK FOR US ARMS. INITIALLY
HE WOULD ONLY ASK FOR DEFENSIVE ARMS, BUT POINT
HE WAS TRYING TO MAKE WAS THAT, IF US TRUSTED
HIM, IT SHOULD NOT DENY EGYPT ARMS IT WOULD
NEED FOR ITS SECURITY.

C. THIRD POINT HE SAID HE WOULD RAISE WOULD
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BE TO ASK US FOR ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO HELP

EGYPT OVERCOME ITS PRESENT FINANCIAL CRISIS.
CITING AN EXPECTED \$500 MILLION REVENUE ANNUALLY
FROM SUEZ CANAL AS PROOF OF EGYPT'S ABILITY TO
REPAY, SADAT SAID HE WOULD SEEK A LOAN OF \$3-4
BILLION FROM US AND WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES
THAT WOULD ENABLE EGYPT TO SURMOUNT ITS ECONOMIC
PROBLEMS OVER THE NEXT THREE OR FOUR YEAR PERIOD,
AFTER WHICH HE EXPECTED EGYPT WOULD BE ON A
SOUND ECONOMIC FOOTING.

2. COMMENT: FIRST POINT WAS NOT PHRASED AS
CLEARLY AS DESCRIBED ABOVE, BUT WAS PUT IN
SUCH A WAY AS TO SUGGEST CONTINUING HOPE THAT
SECOND DISENGAGEMENT EFFORT MIGHT BE RESUMED,
PROVIDED THERE WERE CLEAR INDICATIONS OF
POSSIBILITY OF SUCCESS. (FAHMY AND SAYED MAR'I,
IN THEIR CONVERSATIONS WITH BAKER AND RIEGLE,
RESPECTIVELY, INDICATED PREFERENCE
FOR SUCH CONCRETE PROGRESS AS FOUNDATION FOR
MORE COMPREHENSIVE EFFORT AT GENEVA.)
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